

Congress' Amin Patel tops Praja report on city MLA performances

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Congress' Amin Patel tops NGO Praja Foundation's annual report card for Mumbai MLAs, followed by Sunil Prabhu from Shiv Sena and Manisha Chaudhari from BJP. Patel scored 82.80 out of 100, with Prabhu scoring 81.30 and Chaudhari scoring 75.05. The evaluation focused on their performance in raising citizens' issues and attendance in assembly sessions. The report also highlights a decline in the duration of assembly sessions in recent years.



Amin Patel, who represents Mumbadevi constituency, scored the highest among 36 legislators in NGO Praja Foundation's annual report card. (HT Archives)

MUMBAI: The Congress' Amin Patel, who represents Mumbadevi constituency, scored the highest among 36 legislators in NGO Praja Foundation's annual report card which evaluates the performances of Mumbai MLAs. Amin was followed by Sunil Prabhu (Dindoshi) from the Shiv Sena (UBT) and Manisha Chaudhari (Dahisar) from the BJP.

While Patel notched up 82.80 out of 100, Sunil Prabhu scored 81.30 and Manisha Chaudhari 75.05. The MLAs won the highest scores on account of performing their constitutional and legislative duties effectively in deliberative forums, ie by raising a high number of citizens'

issues and having the highest attendance in assembly sessions. This year's card covered the period between the state legislature's winter session 2021 and winter session 2022.

Speaking to Hindustan Times, Amin Patel said he was "extremely happy" to be ranked first in Mumbai. "I thank my team members, supporters, the government, the BMC and my Mumbadevi voters for their trust," he said. "Together, they have reposed faith in me to serve Mumbai and Maharashtra."

Praja CEO Milind Mhaske said that Covid-19 had disrupted public lives during the last three years. "This critical period demanded frequent meetings of elected representatives to effectively address citizens' concerns and make inclusive decisions," he said. "Also, the majority of municipal corporations in Maharashtra have completed their terms and elections are yet to happen. In this context, the state legislature stands as the primary platform to raise issues of public importance. But unfortunately there has been a significant decline in the duration of assembly sessions held in recent years."

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